

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 882

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend 100 years of Hamilton County Bible History.

WHEREAS, the Bible is one of the cornerstone texts of world history, with a narrative that has had a profound impact on Western culture, and, as such, it is a tome most worthy of study and analysis; and

WHEREAS, since 1922, the Bible in the Schools program has provided Hamilton County public school students in grades 6-12 with the opportunity to study the Bible in the classroom; these courses, offered as electives, allow students to study the Bible from a literary or historical perspective; and

WHEREAS, the program was developed by visionary educator Dr. J. Park McCallie, founder of The McCallie School; originally known as the Public School Bible Study Committee, Bible in the Schools promotes rigorous study of the complex, seminal historical and cultural text; and

WHEREAS, the Bible History program consists of five elective courses taught from a viewpoint-neutral, court-approved curriculum; electives are funded entirely through generous donors of the Hamilton County community and beyond; and

WHEREAS, now in its centennial year, the Hamilton County Bible History program provides classes to more than 4,600 students in twenty-nine schools annually; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that we honor the legacy of this important program, which has had a profound, lasting impact on generations of Hamilton Countians; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the Hamilton County Bible History program, Bible

in the Schools, on the occasion of its centennial anniversary, extending our best wishes for its continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.